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1902. The world statistics, thus grouped, relate to population, the production of goods, fibres, mineral fuel and metals, and to commercial movement and military forces. The comparative idea is kept in view throughout, and the tables are very convenient and suggestive.

Le Rhône. Sa Navigation depuis les Temps anciens jusqu'à nos jours. Par Albert Breittmayer. vi and 105 pp. Henri Georg, Lyons, 1904.

A monograph written with enthusiasm and with descriptions somewhat too extended for foreign readers. The first steamer on the river was *Le Pionnier*, in 1829. It was a wooden boat, and took eighty-eight hours in ascending the river from Arles to Lyons. The six steamboats put into service in the next ten years did a large business both in the freight and passenger trades. The canal joining the Rhine and the Rhone had been opened, and the Rhone had become important in the trade of France, England, Holland, and western Germany as the great highway to Spain, Italy, and the Orient. Then dawned the era of railroads (1842). The navigability of the Rhone had been deteriorating, and little had been done to improve the conditions. The passenger traffic gradually ceased, but of late years the freight trade has shown some improvement.

Science in South Africa.—A Handbook and Review. Prepared under the auspices of the South African Governments and the South African Association for the Advancement of Science. Edited by the Rev. W. Flint, and J. D. F. Gilchrist. x and 505 pp., coloured Plates, Maps, Diagrams, Illustrations, and Index. T. Maskew Miller, Cape Town, 1905.

This Handbook on scientific work and progress in South Africa was prepared for the visit of the British Association in 1905. The two editors were appointed by the Colonial Governments, and the cost of producing the book was defrayed by the colonies. The volume, arranged in eight sections, deals with physical, anthropological, zoological, botanical, geological, mineralogical, economic, educational, and historical problems, and the contributors are actual workers in South Africa. The book shows the present condition of South Africa in respect of scientific research. It was useful to the British Association during its meeting, and will be welcomed by many others; for the scientific literature of South Africa, which has rapidly been increasing, is scattered through many volumes, some of which are difficult of access. This work will serve as an index to the whole subject of South African science.

La Belgique. Institutions, Industrie, Commerce. xx and 870 pp. Maps, and many half-tone Illustrations. J. Goemaere, Government Printer, Brussels, 1905.

This volume was published by the Ministry of Industry and Labor for the purposes of the International Exposition held at Liège last year. It is a summing-up of Belgium to the present time. It describes the kingdom in its geographical, political, and administrative features, systems of education, fine arts, sciences, agriculture, industries, and social organization. Nearly 300 pages are given to the industries and about 100 pages to commerce and communications. The book is profusely illustrated.

The Selkirk Range. By A. O. Wheeler. Vol. 1. xvii and 459 pp. Appendices, Illustrations, and Index. Government Printing Bureau, Ottawa, 1905.

Mr. Wheeler and his assistants were engaged for two seasons in making a